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1. French views on West German police force--According to US Ambassador Bruce in Paris, the French will agree to the establishment of a small West German security force, but they will insist that it be clearly understood that there is no connection between the increase of the police powers of the West German Government and the remilitarization of the Soviet Zone. The French are willing to permit a police force of about 500 men for the Bonn enclave and would agree to having the Federal Government control the provincial police under some circumstances. Bruce comments that the French Foreign Office is still very anxious over the possibility of an "armaments race" between eastern and western Germany.



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